



## California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Ms. Kim Straesser  
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Dear Ms. Straesser,

On the recommendation of Senator Padilla's staff, we are writing to seek your assistance as we work to provide the people of California with the best possible redistricting.

In accordance with state law, we will be deeming individuals in state custody as residing at their last known place of residence, rather than at the institution of their incarceration.

In order to treat individuals in federal custody similarly, we would need to obtain from the Bureau of Prisons the following information (**with unique identifiers – distinct from inmate number -- in lieu of names**, as this is how we are required to handle information on individuals in state custody) on individuals held in Federal facilities in California **as of Census Day, April 1, 2020**:

- previous residence location
- the facility of incarceration for each individual as of Census Day
- race/ethnicity of listed inmates, preferably as it was reported to the Census Bureau

As we now have the raw census data and will be proceeding with the reallocation of individuals in state custody, we would need to have the requested information by September 1 in order to complete our work in time.

Please also advise if there are any applicable federal laws or regulations governing the sharing of this or future data with third parties (i.e., the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission, CA Statewide Database, CA Legislature).

Thank you for your attention in this matter. We would be happy to respond to any questions that you or your colleagues might have.

Sincerely,

  
J. Ray Kennedy, PhD  
Commissioner



Pastor Trena Turner  
Commissioner